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1. This report is the international preliminary examination report, established by this International Preliminary Examining Authority under Article 35 and transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.
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- ☒ Box No. I Basis of the report
- ☐ Box No. II Priority
- ☐ Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- ☐ Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention
- ☒ Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- ☐ Box No. VI Certain documents cited
- ☐ Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application
- ☐ Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application

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Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the language, this report is based on the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
- ☒ This report is based on translations from the original language into the following language English, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:
- ☐ international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b))
- ☒ publication of the international application (under Rule 12.4)
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2. With regard to the elements of the international application, this report is based on *(replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report)*:
- ☐ the international application as originally filed/furnished
- ☒ the description:
- pages _____ as originally filed/furnished
- pages* 1 - 15 received by this Authority on Jul.8, 2005
- pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____
- ☒ the claims:
- pages _____ as originally filed/furnished
- pages* _____ as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19
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- ☐ the claims, Nos. _____
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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	1 - 21	YES
	Claims	None	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	5, 7 - 10, 16, 18	YES
	Claims	1 - 4, 6, 11 - 15, 17, 19 - 21	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1 - 21	YES
	Claims	None	NO

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

1) Inventive Step

The following documents have been considered for the purpose of this report:

D1= JP 2000-207536 (28 July 2000)

D2= KR 2000-010053 (5 February 2000)

The present invention relates to a photographing device with an iris pattern comprising a digital camera, an LED lamp, a power supply device, and a lens. This photographing device has such characteristics that power is supplied by being connected to a computer, the LED lamp is installed at both sides of the camera lens to control the light and luminosity, and a control unit for controlling the focus range can be extended or retracted in a horizontal direction.

D1 relates to an iris photographing device, wherein a cable is connected to a recognition device so that the image of an iris taken by the iris photographing device may be displayed on a monitor. This device is characterized by controlling the power of a luminous element, thereby controlling the light. But the technical features of the claims 1-4, 6, 11-15, 17, 19-21 of the present invention are similar to those shown at [0023]-[0028], [0031]-[0039], [0064], [0078]-[0080], fig.1-fig.3, and fig.9 of the prior document D1.

D2 relates to an iris recognition system, characterized by a telescopic-type thin zoom lens for photographing an iris. In this prior document D2, the configurations of adjustable focusing lens are suggested by means of the zoom lens.

Thus, the mentioned technical features of the present invention, such as focal length and external illumination blocking device, are considered to be easy configuration to a person skilled in the art.

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Supplemental Box

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Accordingly, it would be obvious to a person skilled in the art to make claims 1-4, 6, 11-15, 17, and 19-21 of the present invention, easily, by combining the technical features of D1 and the teachings of D2 above,

Consequently, the characterizing features of the claims 1-4, 6, 11-15, 17, and 19-21 of the present invention are considered not to involve an inventive step under PCT Article 33(3).

2) Novelty and Industrial Applicability.

The claims 1-21 of the present invention are considered to be novel and industrially applicable under PCT Article 33(2) and 33(4).